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Dear Interested Party:

A letter was previously mailed to you on September 23, 2014 concerning the completion of the La Sal Mines Complex Environmental Assessment (EA) and the draft Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact (DN/FONSI). A second letter was sent on October 30, 2014 cancelling the administrative review that began with a 9/25/14 notice in the Sun Advocate due to posting of an incorrect version of the final EA. The correct Final La Sal Mines Complex EA is available for your review on the website: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/mantilasal/landmanagement/projects>.

The draft DN/FONSI did not change from the one previously sent to you but an additional copy is included for your information and review. Those desiring a hard copy of the EA can receive a copy by contacting: Michael Diem, District Ranger, Moab/Monticello District, P.O. Box 820, Monticello, UT 84535 (435-587-2041); Greg Montgomery (435-587-2041); or Joel Nowak via email (joelnnowak@fs.fed.us).

As stated in the previous letter, the proposed project is subject to the objection process pursuant to 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B. A new 45-day objection period will begin following the publication date of a legal notice in the Sun Advocate, newspaper of record. It is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection of this project. Those who previously filed an objection based on the September 25, 2014 publication in the Sun Advocate, should resubmit their objection, if desired, following review of the final EA and Draft DN/FONSI.

Eligibility to File Objections

Objections will be accepted only from those who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project either during scoping or other designated opportunity for public comment in accordance with § 218.5(a). Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project unless based on new information arising after designated opportunities.

Individual members of organizations must have submitted their own comments to meet the requirements of eligibility as an individual, objections received on behalf of an organization are considered as those of the organization only. If an objection is submitted on behalf of a number of individuals or organizations, each individual or organization listed must meet the eligibility requirement of having previously submitted comments on the project (§ 218.7). Names and addresses of objectors will become part of the public record.

Contents of an Objection

Incorporation of documents by reference in the objection is permitted only as provided for at § 218.8(b). Minimum content requirements of an objection are identified in § 218.8(d) and include:

- Objector's name and address with a telephone number if available; with signature or other verification of authorship supplied upon request;



- Identification of the lead objector when multiple names are listed, along with verification upon request;
- Name of project, name and title of the responsible official, national forest/ranger district of project, and
- Sufficient narrative description of those aspects of the proposed project objected to, specific issues related to the project, how environmental law, regulation, or policy would be violated, and suggested remedies, which would resolve the objection.
- Statement demonstrating the connection between prior specific written comments on this project and the content of the objection, unless the objection issue arose after the designated opportunity(ies) for comment.

Filing an Objection

Written objections, including any attachments, must be filed (regular mail, fax, email, hand-delivery, or express delivery) with the Reviewing Officer at Nora Rasure, Objection Reviewing Officer, Intermountain Region, US Forest Service 324 25th Street, Ogden, Utah 84401; Fax: 801-625-5277; Email: objections-intermtn-regional-office@fs.fed.us within 45 days following the publication date of this legal notice in the newspaper of record. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered objections are: 8 am – 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Electronic objections must be submitted in a format such as an email message, pdf, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), and Word (.doc or .docx) to objections-intermtn-regional-office@fs.fed.us. It is the responsibility of Objectors to ensure their objection is received in a timely manner (§ 218.9).

The publication date in the Sun Advocate, newspaper of record, is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection of this project. Those wishing to object to this proposed project should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

Sincerely,



MICHAEL DIEM
District Ranger